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In re

DISCOVERY ORDER
10 Civ. 1145 (NRB)

PENTHOUSE EXECUTIVE CLUB COMPENSATION LITIGATION

NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Having considered the parties' letters to the Court dated September 28, 2011, October 7, 2011, and October 18, 2011 regarding discovery issues, we rule on the parties' requests as follows:

Request

Defendants should be permitted to take discovery from all plaintiffs, both named and optin.

Pursuant to their Document Request No. 25, defendants should be provided with communications between plaintiffs and putative class members that do not involve counsel.

Defendants should be permitted to contact adult entertainment clubs that plaintiffs identify in response to defendants' Interrogatory No. 6.

Ruling

Defendants may take discovery from the three named plaintiffs and six opt-in plaintiffs of their choosing prior to class certification. If the class is certified, defendants may take discovery from all of the remaining plaintiffs.

These communications are potentially protected by the work-product privilege. Plaintiffs should make them available to the Court for in camera review to enable a determination as to their protected status.

Request denied.

Pursuant to their Interrogatory Nos. 16 and 17, Defendants should be provided with the identities of all individuals with whom plaintiffs have spoken regarding (1) the lawsuit and (2) joining the action.

This information is not analogous to the identities of witnesses. It does not need to be produced by plaintiffs.

Pursuant to their Document Request No. 38, plaintiffs should be provided with defendants' income tax returns filed during the class period. Defendants need not produce their tax returns. The information defendants intend to produce in response to plaintiffs' Document Request No. 37 is sufficient.

Pursuant to their Document Request No. 32, plaintiffs should be provided with defendants' customer information. Request denied.

Pursuant to their Document Request Nos. 10, 13, 19, 23, 41, and 45, plaintiffs should be provided with significant class-wide discovery. Plaintiffs' requests are unduly broad and burdensome. Defendants need only produce the documents they have already agreed to produce, those relating to plaintiffs for the three-year FLSA collective period.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

New York, New York October 27, 2011

NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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